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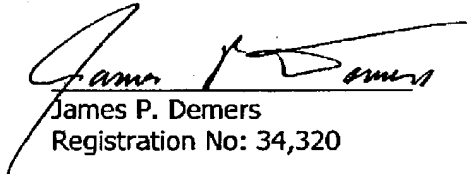
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REMARKS

It was agreed that, by means of an Examiner's amendment, Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15 would be simplified by deleting superfluous language in the preamble, and that Claim 17 would read upon the use of the aptamers recited in Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15. The Examiner is invited to use the claim language proposed above.

Applicant reserves the right to file claims directed to subject matter surrendered during the prosecution of this application, in continuing or divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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